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Attorney James B. Donovan and Cuba's Premier Fidel Castro conferred secretly in Havana yesterday on final arrangements for release of 1,113 invasion prisoners, perhaps today.

Seven Pan American Airways planes were waiting to fly the captives to Miami, once they are liberated. There, hundreds of U.S. agents and volunteers were ready to process them through public health and immigration stations, and to provide for housing, feeding and clothing.

DONOVAN, back in Havana after a quick trip to Miami Sunday to confer with the Cuban

Families Committee, which he represents, was holding his fourth meeting with Castro since negotiations were reopened last week.

THE SITE of the talks was believed to be at Varadero Beach, one-time luxury resort, where Donovan met with Castro for seven hours last Friday. It was reported agreement had been reached on the dollar value for exchange of the prisoners, seized in April 1961 during the abortive invasion at the Bay of Pigs.

Speculation was that the price would approximate the \$62,000,

000 demanded by Castro, but most of it in food and medicine. Some cash probably is involved.

Plans to receive the refugees were in charge of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which is administering the \$70,000,000 annual program for Cuban relief.

"We have been processing the refugees at the rate of 1,500 to 2,000 a week," a spokesman said in Washington, "so we do have machinery already established, and that is going to be of great help, of course."

"BUT TO HANDLE 1,113 in one day, many perhaps needing medical attention, and all requiring clearance through quarantine, is going to be a big job.

"We are borrowing, begging and other acquiring all facilities we can to handle the job."

ABOUT 100,000 Cuban refugees are now in Miami and its environs, with about two-thirds receiving U.S. government aid. A resettlement program is in operation, siphoning off about 900 to 1,000 a week.

"We hope to speed up that rate," an official said, but it is not easy to get people and jobs in distant communities together."